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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

KOTAKI et al.

Art Unit: 1642

Application No.: 09/674,436

Examiner: Davis, Natalie A.

Confirmation No.: 8485

Filed: July 16, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 024656-00004

For: GENE-ANY-RF; DORMANCY-CONTROL SUBSTANCE AND METHOD
FOR PREPARING THE SAME AS WELL AS CELL-CONTROL AGENT
FOR BIOLOGICAL CELLS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Date: March 20, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, the due date for which has been extended three months, from December 20, 2002 to March 20, 2003, with a Petition for Extension of Time attached, please amend the above identified application as shown below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[Page 10, replace the paragraph starting line 21 with:]

The gene Any-RF according to the present invention codes for a protein, which has an amino acid sequence: Asp-Ile-Leu-Arg-Gly (SEQ ID NO:1), which has a C-terminal amide group and which has a molecular weight of 570.959; possesses dormancy-control activity and is derived from the pre-larvae of *Antherea yamamai*.